

superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is always at his post of duty and knows when and where to drop in a good word of cheer accompanied by a heart full of love and sunshine. Mrs. Beachy is equal to any emergency and works well in any task assigned. The S. S. C. E. has elected Mrs. M. H. Wayne president. A better choice could not have been made, one of those quiet, unassuming, Christian workers. All in all the church work is in a prosperous condition. Twentieth Century Number broke all previous records. It was one of those "happy surprises" to the church at large. "Too few," is the only reproof we have to offer.

L. A. HAZLETT.

Elk Lick, Pa.

#### A Letter From J. M. Bowman

Dear Brother:—Since you insist that readers of the EVANGELIST would be glad to hear from me thru its columns, I will let the risk of your being mistaken rest with you and say a few things.

It is rather gratifying to have it urged that some are enough concerned about one to be pleased to hear from him thru a journal, tho it is hard for me to really take it as a fact in my case.

Some months have passed since I wrote to the EVANGELIST. A very important thing, to me, in that time, is having "Tried and Proven," most happily, Prov. 18: 22. "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord."

Since coming to this veritable land of sunshine and high altitude my health has very greatly improved indeed but not yet recovered. It usually requires eighteen months or two years of the sun and air to accomplish that much desired end, and then one is almost sure to be overtaken by the old enemy in a low altitude, and with little promise of relief on returning to this climate, so from all indications I am to stay here.

My voice is not in condition yet to do much public speaking tho in other ways I am stronger than I have been for a long time.

However I have supplied the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian church of this little city two Sundays, and have taken a Sunday-school class in the same church. How very delighted I would be to stand in pulpits of churches I could name, not so few either and tell the story, "Saved by grace."

Hope to write something soon that may prove of more general interest and importance than any thing about myself. The Lord is dealing very graciously with us.

Longmont, Colo.

#### The Dayton Work

On the day before Christmas we packed our grips in Philadelphia and headed once more toward Dayton Mission. But it was only after a very urgent call, and with much misgiving that we did so. As is well known this little band had gone thru the throes of a revolution, and up to this time has had no settled pastor. But trusting that God could in some way use us, we preached our first sermon to a little group in the beautiful new church on Christmas day. For four weeks we breasted the wave and we feel that in it all, God was very good to us, and used us in the saving of souls, and more especially in strengthening the fortress of this plucky little band of spiritual warriors. Thru-out the meeting we kept gaining in momentum, and closed with a full house, having won the respect and confidence of the entire community about us, which means a "whole great big lot" for the Brethren in Dayton. We closed when we felt we had just prepared the way for the meeting, but this could not be helped. Ten souls were added to the little band at that place. We also received a number of letters coming from the Bear Creek church. Knowing the condition that existed in Dayton, having knowledge of the work and its needs as we and a few others do, we feel that the revival was one of the most far reaching in influence that we ever held. Among the things least needed right at this present time, is a large ingathering.

Wait until brother J. L. Kimmel has been there a few years and "worked" the field, and brethren, depend on it, you will hear from Dayton. In all the brotherhood I know of no field so "ripe unto harvest." In no place is there a stronger promise of a powerful, influential church, than in this beautiful metropolis of the valley of Tunkerism.

The meeting began and closed without a single disturbing ripple. Not a murmur of discontent or discouragement did we hear from a member of the mission. Everything is in harmony and peace, and we know of no reason why it should not be so among a people that are God's. The church is very much encouraged, and when one thinks of what they have gone thru in the years past and gone, he wonders that there is a vestige of a remnant left.

They have now a beautiful place of worship with still a small debt that promises to die quite young. They will come into full possession of the property April 1, when Brother Kimmel will also become their pastor. We took eight new subscriptions to the EVANGELIST while there. Also, a number of renewals. So ended our revival among a people we have learned to know, trust, and love, as our own soul. May God graciously and abundantly bless them for their kindness to His humble servant, and may His strong right arm be with them in all they undertake for the glory of His kingdom.

We are now at the Bethesda church, assisting our dear Brother Grisso in a revival, following which we willing go to Bryan, Ohio. Our address for the time being will be, Pioneer, Ghio., Care of O. A. Kanauer.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

#### Middlebranch, Ohio

As this is my first attempt to write you, I will endeavor to tell you of our Sunday-school work here. We held an election a few weeks ago, by ballot, which resulted as following: superintendent, B. E. Wise reelected; Ast. Supt., Wm. H. Wise; secretary, Miss Pearl M. Royer; organist, Miss Surretta May Wise; Ass't Org., Miss Eva Snyder; Chor., O. J. Evans; treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Wise; librarian, Hugo Paul Wise; Ast. librarian, Master Lloyd Phillips, reelected. Will give you our report for last quarter and the year's work.

Report for quarter ending Dec. 30, 1900, the Progressive Brethren Sunday-school. Membership of school at close of the last quarter, officers 9, teachers 3, scholars 139. Entered the school this quarter, officers none, teachers none, scholars 17. Left the school during the quarter, officers none, teachers none, scholars none. Present membership, officers 9, teachers 8, adult scholars 37, primary 50, intermediate 52. Total scholars 139. Total membership 153. Total membership last quarter, 137. The increase 16.

The largest attendance, 100, Dec. 23, 1901. The smallest attendance, 43, Oct. 7, 1900. The largest contributions received during the quarter from officers and visitors, \$1 97, Nov. 18, 1900. The total contributions, \$18.62. The largest amount, \$1.97, on Sunday, Nov. 13, 1900. The smallest amount, .83, on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1900. Average contribution each Sunday, \$1.43.

The increase in attendance during the year 1900. 1st quarter, 17; 2nd quarter, 6; 3rd quarter, 4; 4th quarter, 16. Total 43.

The treasurers report for the year 1900. Free will offering, \$73.89. Expenditure \$68.79. Remaining in treasury, \$5.10. \$13 15 was used to treat the school at the picnic and Christmas treat. I hope other schools will report. It will be encouraging to know how the Brethren Sunday-schools are prospering. PEARL M. ROYER, Sec't.

#### Rosedale, Pa.

I often thought I would write a few lines for the EVANGELIST to let the Christian people know how our little church in Rosedale was getting along. We have few members. I am happy to say the few we have are workers and all trying to help the cause. Our preacher is Brother Byers and we, as his flock, can certainly say he is a shepherd to us.

He is working hard for some soul. At present our protracted meeting is in progress two weeks, eleven came out to show their desire to live a better life, altho they are young, yet not too young to die. Death has taken a great many of our young people in the last year and I was one who had the taste of it. God took my darling little girl only eight years old, but praise the Lord I shall some day meet her.

LENORA STUTZMAN.

#### Morrill, Kansas

We are having very pleasant winter weather here, also the "grip." Elder S. Z. Sharp lately taught a Bible Normal in Morrill, which some of our brethren attended. He taught that instrumental music cannot be a part of Christian worship. It occurs to me that music was taught in the college while Sharp was president and that the organ was used in the chapel services while Sharp was a member of the faculty. An ex-college president arguing in favor of the cap ordinance should not censure a pedo-Baptist for wresting the scriptures.

Three men and two women, of Missouri, who no doubt had heard that our prohibitory law was "a mere farce," came to Morrill a few weeks ago and started a restaurant with a "blind tiger" attachment. A few days ago the sheriff and his deputy entered their place of business, handcuffed the three men and took them to Hiawatha and lodged them in jail, locking up their place of business, taking the key with them. This is not the first attempt to run a saloon in Morrill. A former jointer who made the attempt also came to grief. If there are places in Kansas where the law against the saloon is violated it must be in communities where public sentiment is strongly in favor of setting the law aside. The law against the saloon is like any other law it will not enforce itself. A jury composed of law breakers will acquit a culprit contrary to the testimony. There are some such communities in Kansas. In Leavenworth the laws and the constitution were set aside recently by a mob that acted like savages, burning at the stake a man that had been denied a trial by a jury of his peers. Not only the state of Kansas, but our twentieth century civilization were alike disgraced by such lawless and barbarous proceedings. And we are told that the saloon and other places of infamy are tolerated in this same city of Leavenworth. Rum, Romanism, and rebellion against law and order run riot in this modern Sodom. Yet Kansas is not willing to abolish its laws, because they are violated in places. Neither should a state or a nation, or a civilization be judged by the exceptional acts of the lawless.

"No Christian will fail to pay his debts," says an evangelist in a neighboring town, and the editors of that town heartily respond, Amen! and remind their readers of that part of the evangelist's sermon, and suggest that those in arrears pay up. Are your patrons all Christians Brother Gnagey?

E. L. YODER.

#### Waterloo, Iowa

The church work here goes on very nicely since the new church is completed. So far we have received nothing but compliments on the building. The services are well attended. We have services here each Sunday evening. In the morning Sunday-school and preaching is held at Enon, where we have no services at night. Here we have a new but enterprising Christian Endeavor. We expect to organize a Junior Society soon.

Our S. S. C. E. in Waterloo is doing good work. They deserve great praise for their help in a material way. I believe in following out the plan of the S. S. C. E. constitution to have a devotional meeting each month; they will also help the church spiritually.

Our prayer meetings in Waterloo have been quite well attended considering the great amount of sickness here. We consider these meetings the source of spiritual strength to all the members. O, for the time to come when our churches will go back to the power of the early church, when every